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SUBJ: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT - URUGUAY

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1. SCHEDULE REPORTED REF (A) HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED WITH MINOR
CHANGES AS NOTED BELOW. SOME FURTHER CHANGES MAY BECOME NECESSARY
ON AN AD HOC BASIS BECAUSE OF CONTINUING PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULING
CAUSED BY OFFICIAL CEREMONIES.

0815 ARRIVAL AT CARRASCO AIRPORT

0930 MEETING WITH GOU DELEGATION

1100 MEETING WITH LAFTA

1200 COURTESY CALL ON SUB-SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR.
GUIDO MICHELIN SALOMON.

1230 LUNCH AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WITH SENIOR
GOU OFFICIALS

1445 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1545 TO RIO (CRUZEIRO 619 RECONFIRMED)

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2. PRESS - WE SUGGEST TRADE POLICY TEAM BE PREPARED TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES WITH REPORTERS, ON ARRIVAL. BRIEF STATEMENT OF US GOALS MTN AND PURPOSE OF VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. PRESS MIGHT FOCUS ON ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN VISIT AND PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE, SPECIFICALLY URUGUAY'S EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

3. GOU DELEGATION: WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHO WILL HEAD DELEGATION, BUT IT WILL INCLUDE:

JULIO LACARTE MURO, URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO LAFTA,
ADOLFO DONAMARI, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, FONMIN,
SANTIAGO ANTUNA, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE, MINECON,
WE EXPECT SEVERAL MORE TO BE ADDED TO GOU DELEGATION.

4. LAFTA DELEGATION: LAFTA SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE US DELEGATION FOR INFORMAL SESSION. PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORMALLY MEETS WITH NOT ONLY AMBASSADORS IN ATTENDANCE, BUT ALSO THEIR ALTERNATES AND TECHNICAL ADVISORS. US DELEGATION CAN THUS EXPECT GOOD AUDIENCE INTERESTED IN MTN. LAFTA SECRETARIAT UNABLE TO STATE WHICH AMBASSADORS WILL ATTEND AS SOME OF THEM ALSO ACCREDITED TO GOU AND WILL BE INVOLVED IN CEREMONIES RELATED TO PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT LACARTE MURO WILL PRESIDE FOR LAFTA.

5. AGENDA: EMBOFFS INFORMALLY NOTED AGENDA PROPOSED REF (B), PARA. 1, WITH LAFTA SECRETARIAT WHO AGREED THAT DISCUSSION WOULD BE OF THESE ITEMS. GOU SUGGESTED MINOR VARIATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- OVERALL VIEW OF MTN WITH REFERENCE TO RELEVANCE AS A FORUM FOR TRADE ISSUES IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE;
- GATT REFORM AND THE TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS;
- SAFEGUARDS;
- DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT;

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- TARIFFS AND THE US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES;
- TEMPERATE COUNTRY PRODUCTS, MEAT AND SANITARY STANDARDS;
- SUBSIDIES;

LITTLE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS. GIVEN LACK OF TIME GOU WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS

WOULD BE INFORMAL AND ALLOW FOR GIE AND TAKE RATHER THAN, IN THEIR VIEW, THE EXCHANGE OF FORMAL POSITIONS.

6. LUNCHEON IS PLANNED TO ALLOW CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.

7. DEPARTURE: EMBASSY SUGGESTS NO DEPARTURE STATEMENT. BOTH LAFTA AND FONMIN WILL PROBABLY RELEASE INFORMATION DESCRIBING VISIT. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR CHECK-IN OF BAGS AND PROCESSING OF TICKETS AND DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO DELEGATIONS ARRIVAL AT CARRASCO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE.

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